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AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8 and 13-15 as follows:

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EX-1
1. (Amended) A plasma processing apparatus for applying a process to a substrate to be processed, the plasma processing apparatus comprising:
 - a chamber of which interior can be depressurized,
 - a gas supply system constructed and arranged to supply a gas to the chamber and an exhaust system configured and arranged to exhaust the gas supplied to the chamber and to depressurize the chamber;
 - a part of a wall constituting the chamber being a flat plate dielectric material plate formed of a material which passes a microwave therethrough substantially without a loss;
 - a flat plate dielectric material shower plate, which is formed of a material which passes a microwave therethrough substantially without a loss, being provided between the dielectric material plate and plasma excited in the chamber;
 - a plurality of gas discharge holes being formed in the dielectric material shower plate so that at least a part of the gas supplied by the gas supply system is discharged through the